

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair has use of the public airwaves free of charge, and is supposed to be obligated by law to serve the public interest. Unfortunately, when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for democracy. Instead of overtly partisan propaganda produced at "News Central" we need to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about real issues that matter.

Sinclair's action further illustrates why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It is evidence why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.